

are finding new strength in the legislative process, I walk into a country where the intent of creating a color-blind society is to eliminate any possible chance for equal representation. Adding to my confusion is the battle over affirmative action. I hope other countries are not looking to us for civil rights leadership."

This is not the first time this has happened in America's history. It has not happened yet. I am going to fight like the dickens to make sure it does not happen.

I have here the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and this is a CONGRESSIONAL RECORD from 1901. The Speaker is Representative George White, who was the last African-American Member of Congress to serve. He served from the State of North Carolina. North Carolina ended it; North Carolina is beginning it.

Upon his exit from Congress, he spoke, "Now, Mr. Chairman, before concluding my remarks, I want to submit a brief recipe for the solution of the so-called American Negro problem." He asks no special favors but simply demands that he be given the same chance for existence, for earning livelihood, for raising himself on the scales of manhood and womanhood that are accorded to kindred nationalities. Treat him as a man. Go into his home, learn of his social conditions, learn of cares, his troubles, his hopes for the future. Gain his confidence and open the doors of industry to him. This, Mr. Chairman, is perhaps the Negro's temporary farewell to the American Congress, but let me say, Phoenix-like, he will rise up someday and come again. These parting words are in behalf of an outraged, heart-broken, bruised and bleeding, but God-fearing people, faithful, industrious, loyal people, rising people full of potential force. Sir, I am pleading for the life of a human being. The only apology that I have to make for the earnestness with which I have spoken is that I am pleading for the life, the liberty, the future happiness and manhood, suffrage for one-eighth of the entire population of the United States.

I do not want to have to give that farewell speech and lead what might be an unending procession of African-Americans, women and people of color out of the U.S. Congress.

I want to take the opportunity to commend the Members of the Georgia legislative Black Caucus, State Senator Diane Harvey Johnson, chairwoman of the Georgia legislative Black Caucus, State Senator David Scott, who was the task force Chair, the reapportionment task force Chair, fought untiringly to protect the three Democratic incumbents of the Georgia congressional delegation, representative Calvin Smyre, served as House negotiator, State Representative David Lucas, served on the House Conference Committee, State Senator Charles Walker, served on the Senate Conference Committee.

Finally, I have a poem. State Senator Donzella James has distributed this poem in the days when time was winding down and people's hearts were very heavy because the fight was about to leave the legislature and proceed to another level, another level of uncertainty.

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Mr. Speaker, the title of the poem is "Don't Quit." It goes:

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will

When the road you're trudging seems all uphill

When funds are low and debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh
When care is pressing you down a bit
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns
And many a person turns about
When he might have won had they stuck it out

Don't give up though the pace seems slow
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup

and her learned too late
when the night came down
How close was the crown.

Success is failure turned inside out
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

I know that the good people of the State of Georgia are not going to quit in this fight for representation. I also know that the eyes of America are watching as Georgia goes through this process, and I have faith and hope that at the end of this process everyone in the State of Georgia will have been accorded what we only all ask, and that is a fair shake.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. MCKINNEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for Friday, September 8, on account of business in the district.

Mr. SISISKY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. TUCKER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today and the balance of the week, on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. COMBEST) to revise and ex-

tend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOODLING, for 5 minutes, on September 13.

Mr. MCKEON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOEKSTRA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. FOGLIETTA.

Mr. DELLUMS in two instances.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois in two instances.

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mr. STARK in two instances.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. MURTHA.

Mr. MANTON.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. BORSKI.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. COMBEST) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. BAKER of California.

Mr. LAZIO of New York.

Mr. HYDE.

Mr. GALLEGLY.

Mrs. SEASTRAND.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. NUSSLE.

Mr. HOUGHTON.

Mr. HANSEN.

Mr. GILMAN in two instances.

Mr. BROWNBAC.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. MCKINNEY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. MORAN.

Mr. MICA.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. PASTOR.

Mr. PETERSON of Florida.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 790. An act to provide for the modification or elimination of Federal reporting requirements; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 13, 1995, at 10 a.m.